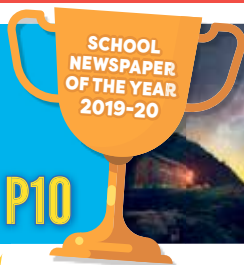


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## ALL FIRED UP

The world's oldest restaurant is open again, having closed during the pandemic. Botín in Madrid, Spain, opened in 1725 and is famous for its roasted meats. Throughout the three-month closure the oven's flame was kept alight. Owner Antonio González said that the oven works best if it is kept at a constant temperature, but it was also kept fired up for "romantic and symbolic reasons as well". In its 295-year history the restaurant has survived French invasion and war.



## ELEPHANT CRISIS

Scientists are puzzled by the deaths of hundreds of elephants in Botswana since the beginning of May. Poaching and lack of water don't appear to be the cause, and poisoning is unlikely as it is only elephants that are dying. The worry is that it may be a disease that could cross over to human populations. Samples have been taken and sent away for study. Botswana is home to one third of the dwindling African population of elephants, so death on this scale is a disaster.



## JOHNSON JETS AWAY



The prime minister's father, Stanley Johnson, has been criticised for jetting off to Greece during the lockdown. He claimed that he was there to COVID-proof a holiday home that he rents out. At the time, Government guidelines said that no-one should go abroad unless it was "essential". The PM refused to comment.

# QUICK NEWS

TO READ YOURSELF AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS

## RIP ENNIO MORRICONE

Multi-award-winning composer Ennio Morricone has died at the age of 91. While you might not have heard his name before, you've definitely heard his music. Ennio was most famous for his western soundtracks, and his songs, such as *The Ecstasy of Gold* and *The Good, The Bad And The Ugly*, have been featured in hundreds of films and television shows.



## NEW EU LEADER

Germany celebrated taking over the EU presidency on Wednesday by lighting up the Brandenburg Gate in the capital, Berlin. Chancellor Angela Merkel, who will be EU president for six months, is thinking big. The EU has been divided recently and the pandemic has had a big impact on the economies of member states. Mrs Merkel says she aims to strengthen the EU to aid the recovery and stressed the need to stay united.



## THE POETRY SHELFIE

The Poetry Society has produced a virtual poetry library shelf, called the "shelfie", full of recommendations of poems on topics important to young people today. You can even send in your own recommendations! For more, head to [poetrysociety.org.uk/education/reading-suggestions](https://poetrysociety.org.uk/education/reading-suggestions).

## VIRUS ALERT

A new type of virus related to swine flu has been found in pigs in China. Workers on the farms where the pigs are kept were found to be infected, but there is no evidence that the virus passed from person to person. The writers of a new report say that it is vital to monitor whether humans show any signs of getting the virus and to control it in pig populations before it becomes a health threat.

## PLAGUE APPEARANCE

As if COVID-19 and a new type of virus related to swine flu (see story above) weren't enough, a case of the bubonic plague has been found in eastern Mongolia. The disease, which caused the Black Death in the Middle Ages, was spotted in a herdsman who is now in hospital. But, while it sounds scary, several cases of the plague appear all over the world each year. If caught early, doctors can cure the bubonic plague with a simple course of antibiotics. Phew!

## CYCLE TREK

A Greek student who was missing his family cycled 3,200 kilometres when he couldn't fly home because of COVID-19 travel restrictions. Kleon Papadimitriou, 20, took seven weeks to get to Athens from Aberdeen. He slept in a tent and ate a lot of sardines and peanut butter!



## INDEPENDENCE DAY

Last week, the US celebrated Independence Day, held every 4 July. US president Donald Trump held a mask-less, firework-lit rally at Mount Rushmore, despite warnings that fireworks could cause wildfires in the surrounding forests, and that mass gatherings would spread COVID-19. During his speech at the monument, the president claimed that COVID-19, which has infected 2.8 million Americans and killed almost 130,000, is "99% harmless".



## SUPER SCOOTERS

A UK trial of rental e-scooters begins this week, but MPs were warned by a campaign group, Living Streets, that the scooters could be a danger to pedestrians. The scooters have twice the power of those in other countries.

## LIGHTNING STRIKES



Around 150 people in India have been killed by lightning since 26 June, officials have said. While lightning strikes are fairly common during the monsoon season, which takes place from June to September every year, officials say that the number of deaths caused by lightning is higher than normal, even though monsoon season has just started.

## BIG BANG DIGITAL 2020

Sir David Attenborough, science presenter Greg Foot and some of the UK's leading scientists will be making an appearance at Big Bang Digital on Tuesday 14 July. The free online event will be live from 10am to 4pm and covers everything from science, engineering, nature and how it all relates to COVID-19. To find out more, head to [www.digitalbigbang.co.uk](https://www.digitalbigbang.co.uk).





## VENTILATORS SECURED

UK manufacturers have helped to produce over 14,000 ventilators since the COVID-19 pandemic started, the Government says.

Ventilators are used in hospitals to help very sick people breathe. They have been essential in treating the most poorly COVID-19 patients.

Scientific modelling at the start of the crisis predicted that the NHS was going to need 30,000 ventilators, but they only had around 8,000. So the Government launched the Ventilator Challenge, asking businesses to help design and produce new ventilators.

The project has been closed now and the Department of Health says a total of 14,000 devices are “expected to have been produced” in the last three months. More than 25,000 are now available altogether.

The Government missed its original target of buying 18,000 new ventilators in just two weeks in April, as the virus hit its peak. But, thankfully, fewer ventilators were needed than was originally thought.



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Pupils at a primary school in Oldham eat their lunches individually. Sitting apart will not be a requirement in schools from September

**THE Government has said that all schools and colleges in England will reopen in September.**

COVID-19 distancing rules will be relaxed to make it easier for children to get back into classrooms next term. Start and end times to the school day may be staggered, to avoid a rush of pupils arriving and leaving at the same time. Lunch and break times are also likely to be spread out.

To reduce the risk of infection, desks will be arranged so that children all sit facing in the same direction and not towards each other, and there won't be any big gatherings like assemblies.

Class sizes will not be reduced, but schools will be asked to keep children in class or year group bubbles so they don't mix with too many other kids. Regular cleaning and handwashing will continue and, if anyone tests positive for COVID-19, pupils and teachers may be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If there are several cases of the virus, the Government says it will aim to test everyone in a person's class, followed by their year group, then the whole school if necessary.

Education Secretary Gavin Williamson said: “I want to reassure parents and families that we are doing everything we can to make sure schools, nurseries, colleges and other providers are as safe as possible for children and staff.”

But opposition MPs and some parents have criticised the Government for not doing more to help schools reopen sooner. Kate Green, Labour's Shadow Education Secretary, has called for a group of MPs from all parties to work together in order to make schools and colleges safe.

Kevin Courtney (right) of the National Education Union wants pupils to go back in September, but only if there are detailed safety plans. He said: “We are concerned that the Government does not have a plan B if these guidelines do not work or if [COVID-19] cases are higher by September.”

Scotland is still planning for pupils to go back in August, while Welsh officials are expected to release their plan soon.



## WILL PEOPLE REFUSE A VACCINE?



Anti-vaccine protesters in the USA

**MORE than 140 potential vaccines for COVID-19 are being worked on around the world.**

Scientists hope to have a successful vaccine ready to roll out across the globe within the next year.

A vaccine means people will be protected from the new coronavirus and life might just go back to some kind of normal.

But not everybody wants to take the vaccine, should it become available. Polls have shown that large numbers of people – possibly as many as 50% in the USA – may avoid it.

There are all sorts of fake claims about vaccines on the internet, including that COVID-19 was created so that people could make money from a vaccine. Others believe the vaccine is actually a plot to control us. And a YouTube video claiming the vaccine could kill received seven million views before being taken down.

None of this is true, of course, but there's a real danger that if too many people don't accept the vaccine, the virus will continue to spread.

Experts reckon 70% of a country's population may need to develop immunity, either by getting a vaccine or becoming infected, to stop COVID-19.

## THE DINKY DINO ANCESTOR



An artist's impression of the tiny Kongonaphon

Alex Boersma

**MEET Kongonaphon, a tiny relative of the more well-known dinosaurs and pterosaurs.**

A 237-million-year-old fossil discovered in Madagascar has revealed the little monster would only have stood about 10cm tall!

Pterosaurs were flying reptiles. Just like dinosaurs, they were among the biggest creatures ever to live on Earth. But this new discovery suggests both of these giant species may have originated from tiny ancestors.

Studies on the fossilised teeth of Kongonaphon show it survived on a diet of insects, and the work suggests that the creature might have been covered in feathers.





WINDSOR, UK

THE Round Tower at Windsor Castle is lit up blue as part of the birthday celebrations for the NHS. Sunday 5 July marked the 72nd anniversary of the beginning of the National Health Service (NHS). British landmarks and some football stadiums were also lit blue as a mark of support and gratitude for the NHS, and the work that NHS staff have done during the COVID-19 pandemic.



WINDSOR, UK

THE LEGOLAND Windsor Resort has dedicated part of its Miniland attraction to the heroes of lockdown. Miniature NHS staff members and carers are surrounded by members of the public clapping, to remember how the nation came together every Thursday for the Clap For Carers. Captain Tom Moore is also there, complete with his walker, as is fitness guru Joe Wicks, who kept us all moving during lockdown with his virtual PE classes. More than 5,000 LEGO bricks were used to create the scene.



CASTELLUCCIO, ITALY

A VIEW of the fields of lentil and poppy flowers during the annual blossoming. The flowers bloom from May to July, resulting in the flower show that is known in Italy as La Fiorita (the Flowering).



HITOYOSHI, JAPAN

Bicycles are covered in reeds and driftwood after the nearby Kuma River burst its banks. More than 40 people were confirmed to have died after torrential rain fell, causing widespread flooding and landslides.



BEIJING, CHINA

TOURISTS take a guided tour of the Olympic Forest Park on cool robotic guides made by Topsrobo.



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# HOW MUCH DO YOU THROW AWAY?



**HOW** many phones or electronic toys have you thrown in the bin? Well, a huge **53.6 million tonnes of electronic waste (something with a battery or plug) was thrown away around the world in 2019 – that's an increase of 21% in five years.**

According to the UN's Global E-waste Monitor 2020, that rise in rubbish is equivalent to the weight of 350 cruise ships. Shockingly, only 17.4% of 2019's e-waste was collected and recycled, meaning gold, silver, copper, platinum and other metals worth £45bn were dumped or burned.

The new report also predicts that e-waste will almost double in the next 16 years. The rise in electrical items being thrown away is simply due to people using more electronic gadgets, which often don't last very long and can't be easily repaired.

# HUNTER OR HUNTED?



**SUNDAY 14 July is Shark Awareness Day, but how much do you really know about these monsters of the deep? Here are some facts you might not know...**

- Sharks have been around for over 400 million years.
- Their position in the food chain means they are really important for keeping our oceans healthy.
- Shark attacks on humans are very rare. In fact, the odds of you actually being attacked by a shark are 1 in 3,748,067.
- However, according to one report, humans are responsible for about 100 million shark deaths a year. The creatures are hunted for their meat and fins, which are used in soups and medicines.

# WOW!

**RAPPER Kanye West has teased that he is running for president of the United States.**

Kanye, who is married to reality TV star Kim Kardashian, said on Twitter: "We must now realise the promise of America by trusting God, unifying our vision and building our future. I am running for president of the United States! #2020." However, the rapper has yet to register officially.

## EDITOR'S COMMENT



**WE** did a good job of staying at home when the Government asked us to, to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

But, now restrictions are being lifted, not everyone feels comfortable about being out and about. It's not helped by talk of a possible second wave of coronavirus later this year.

So, what do you think? Are you ready to go on holiday – either in the UK, or in another country? Or, would you rather just stay at home? Go to [first.news/polls](https://first.news/polls) to have your say.

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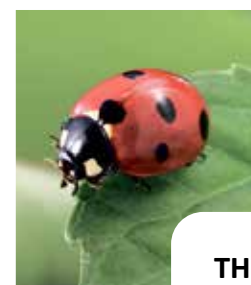
### McFLY

Tom, Dougie, Danny and Harry have signed their first record deal in ten years. They will release a new album later this year.

## BAD WEEK FOR...

### SHIRLEY BALLAS

Strictly Come Dancing judge Shirley has broken her ankle. She has reassured fans she'll be okay to return to Strictly when it starts again in a few months.



# SAVE THE INSECTS



**THE Wildlife Trusts are calling on everyone in the UK to become an 'insect champion' to help save the creatures.**

The Trusts revealed that it's a critical time for insects, with their numbers going down because of the increased use of pesticides and loss of their habitats. In fact, 41% of insects face extinction right now.

The Wildlife Trusts are calling on the Government to take steps to reverse the decline of insects by doing things including reducing the amount of insect-harming pesticides used. But they also need everyone to help. There are lots of ways you can become an insect champion, like making a bug hotel or planting things that insects like in your garden. For more information on how you can help save our insects, go to [www.wildlifetrusts.org/take-action-insects](https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/take-action-insects).



## SCOTLAND

### ● Kids get closer

New rules in Scotland mean that children under the age of 12 will no longer have to keep two metres away from each other or grown-ups. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she hoped the changes would make life over the summer holidays “a little bit easier and a little bit more fun.” There’s no news yet if the rest of the UK will follow Scotland’s example.



## EDINBURGH

### ● Caught on camera

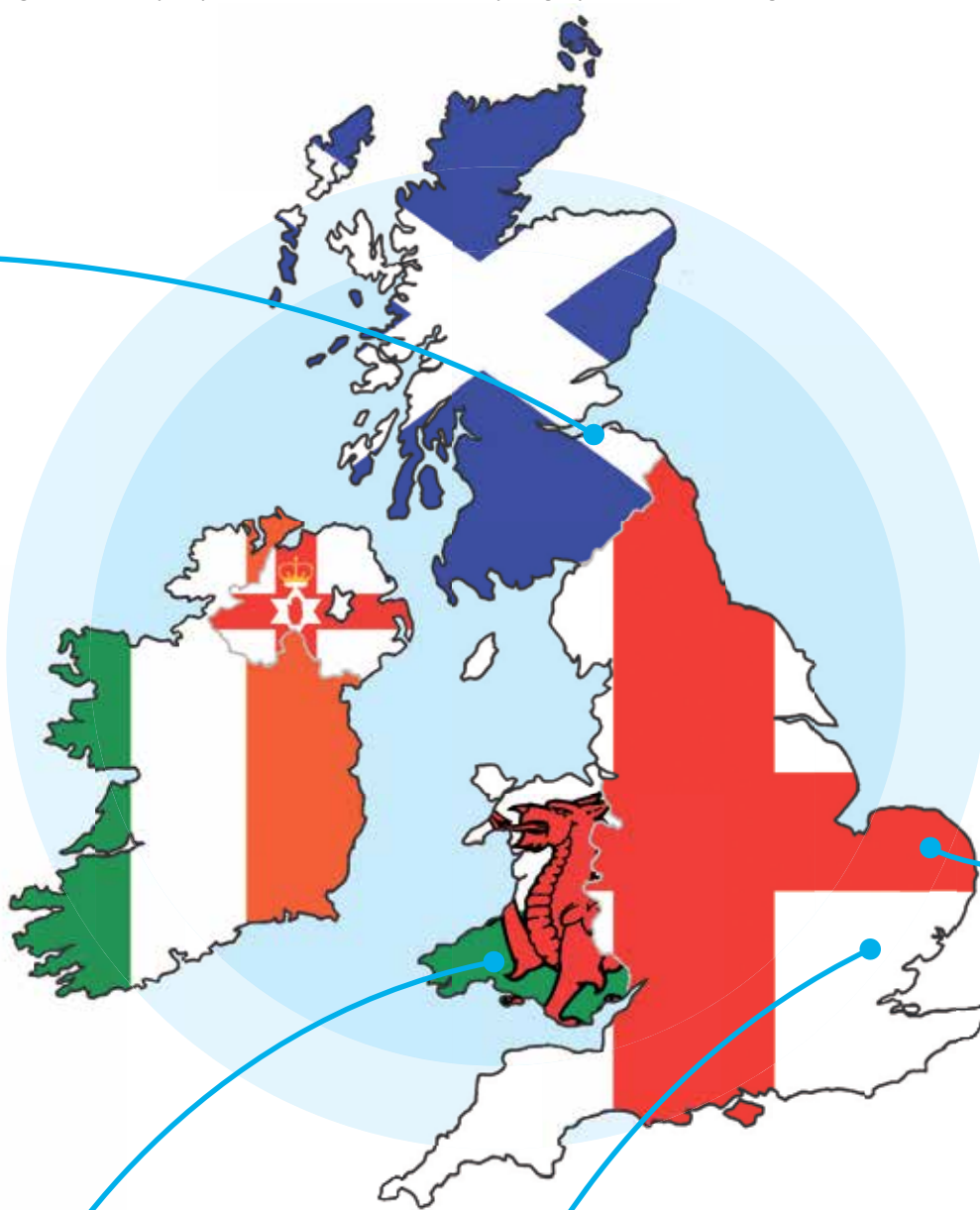
Check out this cutie – a one-month-old L’Hoest’s monkey who’s been caught on camera for the first time at the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland’s Edinburgh Zoo. Staff are not sure yet if the new arrival is a boy or a girl, but they hope to find out soon so they can name it. The zoo reopened at the end of June but it’s still a difficult time for the wildlife charity. Being closed during lockdown meant they were not able to make the money needed to care for the animals.



## ENGLAND

### ● Drunken distancing

Restaurants and pubs in England opened last week for the first time in more than three months – but was it a success? Although streets and pubs were packed with people enjoying dinner and drinks outside, there were fears that the emergency services would be as busy as on New Year’s Eve, when lots of people go out. Fortunately, that didn’t happen, so police have thanked the majority of people for acting responsibly. However, not everyone was following the social distancing rules of staying “one metre plus” away from each other, leading some people to worry about the risks of COVID-19 spreading again. But Health Secretary Matt Hancock told Sky News: “Overall, I’m pleased with what happened yesterday. It was really good to see people out and about and very largely social distancing.”



## UK

### ● More local lockdowns?

The number of cases of COVID-19 has gone up in 36 local authorities across England. The rise in cases has prompted fears of more local lockdowns, following Leicester’s return to restrictions. Knowsley, Bolton and Hammersmith & Fulham have seen the biggest increases in the virus.



## NORFOLK

### ● Giant wind farm

The Government has given the go-ahead for a giant wind farm to be built off the coast of Norfolk. Vattenfall’s 1.8-gigawatt Norfolk Vanguard project will be capable of providing electricity for nearly two million homes. The wind farm will be around 30 miles offshore and will have between 90 and 180 turbines.

## CARMARTHENSHIRE

### ● Gnomes nicked

It seems like the police in Carmarthenshire could use some help from Sherlock Gnomes, as a number of garden ornaments have gone missing. At least eight thefts have been reported in the last three weeks, with objects stolen including gnomes, an ornamental sheep and a statue. They’ve all been stolen from people’s gardens and some of the items are so big they need a van to transport them. The thefts all took place in villages between Carmarthen and Llanelli.



## ESSEX

### ● Beaver babies!

Conservationists say that beavers have been born in Essex for the first time since the Middle Ages. A pair of Eurasian beavers were brought to the Spains Hall Estate in Finchingfield 18 months ago as part of a project to help reduce flooding. The pair have now had two babies, known as kits. Beavers became extinct in England and Wales by the 12th century (but held on in Scotland until the 16th), after they were hunted for their meat, fur and scent glands.



Matilda the Musical in London's West End has cancelled all performances until 30 August and is waiting to hear when it can reopen

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# GOOD NEWS FOR THEATRES

by editor in chief Nicky Cox

**BRITAIN'S world-class theatre and arts industry is getting a helping hand in the coronavirus crisis, thanks to a £1.57bn rescue package announced by the Government.**

The money will be used to help the arts across the UK – including theatres, independent cinemas, museums and live music venues.

A wave of relief has flooded through the industry. There had been warnings that, without more Government support, around seven in ten theatres were facing closure by Christmas. The rescue money includes a mixture of loans and grants and is being called the biggest ever one-off cash boost for UK culture.

Musical theatre composer Andrew Lloyd Webber said the news was “truly welcome at a time when so many theatres, orchestras, entertainment venues and other arts organisations face such a bleak future”.

Fiona Allan from the Birmingham Hippodrome said: “We are completely overjoyed by the news. This support will mean that more venues, jobs and companies can

survive, and there will be an industry to return to when we can do so safely. Theatres play an important civic role in our society, bringing communities together.”

But there are still tough times and concerns ahead.

Rufus Norris and Lisa Burger, joint bosses of the National Theatre, said: “Although there will be many challenges ahead to operating in the new environment, the National Theatre, and theatre companies across the country, stand ready to respond with creativity and commitment, and to reopen as soon as is safe.”

Government Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said: “Arts are the cultural beating heart of our nation. From Shakespeare to Ed Sheeran, they enrich our lives.”

There has been frustration

The Lyceum Theatre was taped shut as part of the Missing Live Theatre campaign



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within the arts industry that, as the pandemic lockdown is relaxed, places like cinemas and theme parks have been allowed to reopen, but theatres have been told they can't put on shows.

Now, Prime Minister Boris Johnson is saying he will set out a timetable for when theatres can reopen safely. “They're huge for the UK and they're one of the most amazing things about this country,” he said.

Pop stars are also waiting to hear when they can tour again. Some 1,500 artists and acts signed a letter to the culture secretary calling for a plan for live music to get going again.

## FOOD FAILURE

**THE health of people and the planet are at risk from failings in our food systems.**

That's the finding of a new study looking at the way food is produced, sold and eaten. The *Hungry for Change: Fixing the Failures in Food* report was produced by a House of Lords Select Committee.

It shows that many people in the UK can't afford to buy the food they need. It says around 11m people, including 2.8m kids, are living in poverty here.

The report also says that billions of pounds are spent each year treating obesity and illnesses caused by poor diet. This affects more people in poorer areas, as highly processed food can be cheaper than healthier choices.

The committee also says the high demand for food often means farmers produce it as cheaply as possible, which can stop them from producing it in an environmentally friendly way.

The committee is calling on the Government to do more to help, including understanding how much a healthy diet costs – and helping those who can't afford one.

It also wants the food industry to reduce levels of salt, sugar and unhealthy types of fats.

## BORDER PROTESTS

**PROTESTERS at the Scottish border this week told English visitors to “stay out” and keep Scotland “COVID-free.”**

The protests were condemned by politicians from all parties, including Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, who said that those at the border “do not speak for me”.

But Ms Sturgeon has refused to rule out a quarantine system for people coming to Scotland from other parts of the UK. She said this was “about public health”, not “whether people in England are welcome in Scotland”.

Meanwhile UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said: “There is no such thing as a border between England and Scotland.”

## RIP RUBBLE

**AT the ripe old age of 31, Rubble, ‘the world's oldest cat’, has sadly passed away.**

Rubble had been with his owner Michele Heritage ever since she got him as a kitten on her 20th birthday.

A very fluffy Maine Coon, Rubble lived to the human equivalent of nearly 150 years!



Michele and Rubble on his 30th birthday

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## CZECH REP



## ● Party time

The easing of coronavirus restrictions was celebrated by hundreds of people in the Czech capital, Prague. A giant street party took place along the city's famous Charles Bridge. A huge table was set up where people could enjoy snacks and drinks from home alongside one another.



## ARGENTINA



## ● Locust plague

A massive, ten square mile plague of locusts has arrived from nearby Paraguay. Vital crops such as corn and sugar cane are being devoured by the insects. Photos and videos taken by local people have shown the insects up to 30cm deep on trees, while some drivers were unable to see through their windscreens. It's believed that the increased number and intensity of the swarms are due to the higher temperatures and humidity levels caused by climate change.



## HONG KONG



## ● Protest punished

Police in Hong Kong have made their first arrest following the introduction of the new national security law by officials in China. Hong Kong has its own legal system, but is a part of China. The strict new rules include a maximum sentence of life in jail for protesting against China's authority in the city state. The UK Government has said that it will offer a "path to British citizenship" for nearly three million citizens in Hong Kong.



## SOUTH KOREA



## ● Cereal success

A breakfast cereal promotion 16 years ago backfired when buyers were asked to vote for the one they preferred. The company producing the cereal thought everyone would choose the sweet variety with chocolate, but the oddly-flavoured 'green onion' (known as spring onion in the UK), was a huge hit. People have campaigned for it to be available ever since and have finally succeeded. It's taken a while, but now Kellogg's Korea has finally perfected a recipe and the green onion cereal is on the shelves.



## TAIWAN



## ● Fake flights

Songshan Airport in Taipei has a novel solution for people missing the thrill of travelling. Passengers arrive and go through the whole airport experience, even getting on the plane, but taking off to... nowhere. Sixty winners were chosen to take part out of 7,000 who applied. The lucky 'travellers' were given boarding passes and allowed through security and immigration and on to the plane, where staff chatted to them. It was so successful that more are planned!



## ETHIOPIA



## ● Deadly protests

Hachalu Hundessa, a very popular singer in Ethiopia, has been shot dead. The 34-year-old was famous for writing songs about love and unity and the challenges that people of different ethnic groups face in Ethiopia. There have been violent clashes across the country following Mr Hundessa's death, and more than 160 people have died.



## OUR WORLD



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### MARAM, 14, is not just football crazy. She sees the sport as a way to change the world.

When the war in Syria broke out in 2011, millions of people fled the country, many going to neighbouring Jordan. Most refugees there live in towns and cities but many are in refugee camps – the largest is Za'atari.

Maram lives in Za'atari with her family of nine: "I study in the camp and participate in all the events available. My favourite hobby is football and my

wish is to strengthen my skills so I can achieve my dream, become a famous footballer and travel with my family."

Maram participated in Goal Click Refugees, a series documenting the personal stories of refugees and asylum-seekers through the lens of football. It is a collaboration between UNHCR and Goal Click, a global football photography project.





# CAPTURING THE DARK

**THESE** stunning images capture the night sky above the Earth in all its glory.

They are the five winning entries in the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA)'s first annual Capture The Dark photography competition. The IDA, which is based in the USA, works to reduce light pollution worldwide so that the night sky becomes more easy to see.

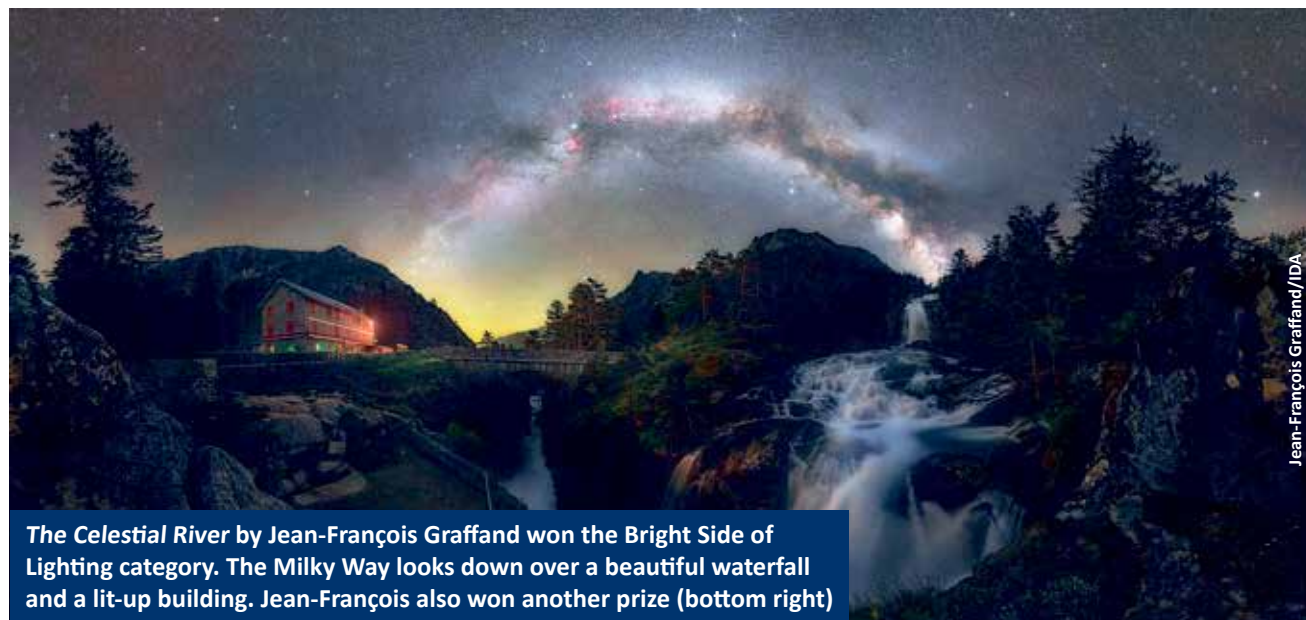
The organisation says: "Photography can inspire us to connect with, and ultimately protect, the night and the study of astronomy."

The aim of this year's competition was "to capture the meaning of the night for people around the world".



Petr Horálek/IDA

Remembering *The Old Times* by Petr Horálek is the winner of the Impact of Light Pollution category. This is a panoramic view of the Great Wall of China, with light pollution from nearby cities spilling into the night sky



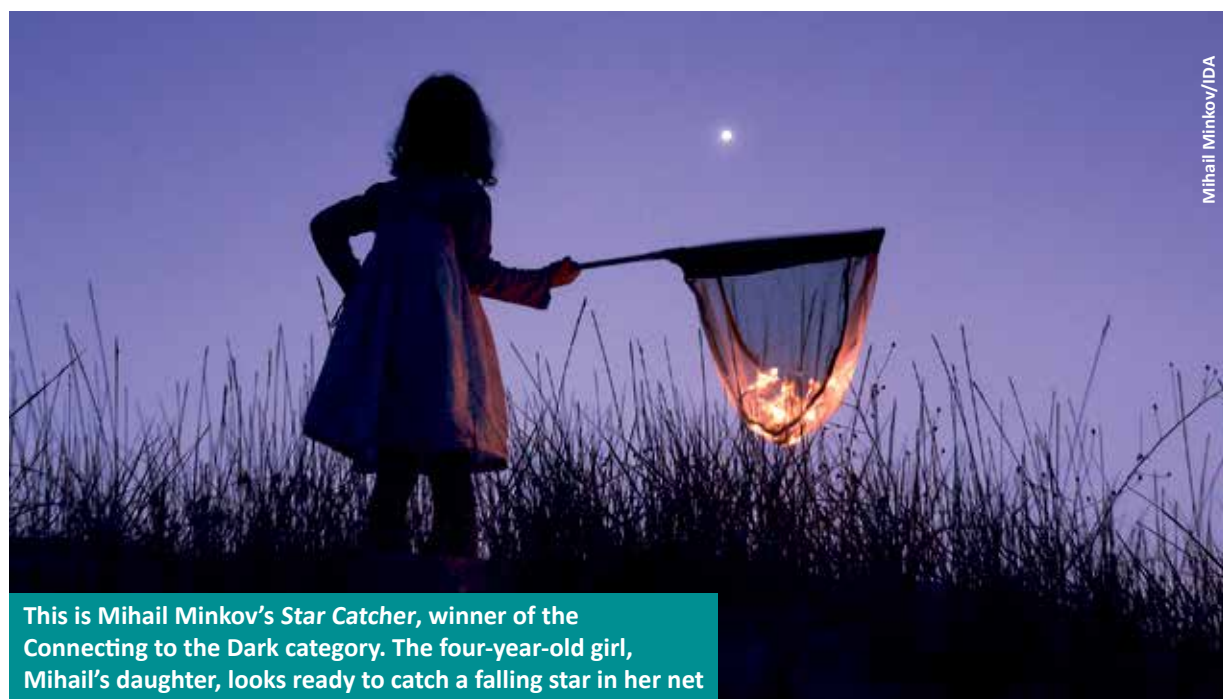
Jean-François Graffand/IDA

*The Celestial River* by Jean-François Graffand won the Bright Side of Lighting category. The Milky Way looks down over a beautiful waterfall and a lit-up building. Jean-François also won another prize (bottom right)



Nayana Rajesh/IDA

Sixteen-year-old Nayana Rajesh's picture, *The Barn*, won the Youth award. The image features a Texan field of blooming bluebonnets – the official flower of Texas – under the starry sky



Mihail Minkov/IDA

This is Mihail Minkov's *Star Catcher*, winner of the Connecting to the Dark category. The four-year-old girl, Mihail's daughter, looks ready to catch a falling star in her net



Jean-François Graffand/IDA

*Dark Night in Pyrénées Mountains* by Jean-François Graffand won the International Dark Sky Places prize. It shows a river beneath a "river of the sky", the Milky Way



# FIRST NEWS SCHOOL NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2019-2020



HERE at First News, we've had a fascinating time judging this year's School Newspaper of the Year entries. You're a talented bunch out there and you made it a tough job!

Many of you have been inspired to create your newspapers to be the voice of your community during the coronavirus crisis. You've taken on this important role to keep your school community together when everyone has been locked down and apart.

The standard of journalism has been very high and the newspapers that you've entered for this year's awards have informed us, made us think and made us laugh.

Drum roll please, so we can announce the winners...



## EDITORIAL TEAM OF THE YEAR THE BUZZ BESSEMER GRANGE PRIMARY, LONDON

This editorial team have achieved miracles! *The BUZZ*, a full-colour, 20-page newspaper, has been written, edited, designed and safely delivered by the pupils of Bessemer Grange Primary School during lockdown. It's a fascinating read and they have definitely achieved their aim of creating a newspaper that provides a sense of community while school is closed.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSPAPER WINNER THE GALAHAD GAZETTE FALDINGWORTH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, LINCOLNSHIRE

A brilliant newspaper that perfectly balances school news, local community news and global

issues while engaging readers with fascinating facts, amusing incidents, puzzles, reviews and more. It is the superb achievement of the Year 6s

at Faldingworth Community Primary School, who set themselves a two-week challenge to create a newspaper for the rest of the community when they returned to school in June. They printed their newspaper and delivered it to all the homes in the village.



## HOME NEWS REPORTER RAAGHAV DAS, 13 CHRONOLOGIE EDITOR

*Chronologie* is a new e-newspaper that Raaghav started as the coronavirus pandemic was beginning, inspired by the unprecedented situation that the world was in. Now on issue four, *Chronologie* is an amazing achievement, packed with high-quality journalism.



## INNOVATIVE NEWS PROJECT BUZZ TV'S NEWSROUND BURNT OAK JUNIOR SCHOOL, KENT

News reporting is an essential part of school life at Burnt Oak Junior School. Their *Buzz* newspaper is written by their journalism club, with other children from the school contributing. This year they've taken it a step further – *Buzz* has now evolved to develop its own TV channel!



## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSPAPER WINNER THE GRANHAM GAZETTE ST JOHN'S MARLBOROUGH, WILTSHIRE

Year 10 students launched *The Granham Gazette* to create a unity with the school population

while everyone was learning remotely. Their aim was to balance a mix of serious, global stories with some local interest stories and humorous articles – which they certainly achieved. Editorial team member Jude explains: "It is our way of discussing our thoughts on important matters with our peers and giving a platform to the voices of young people."

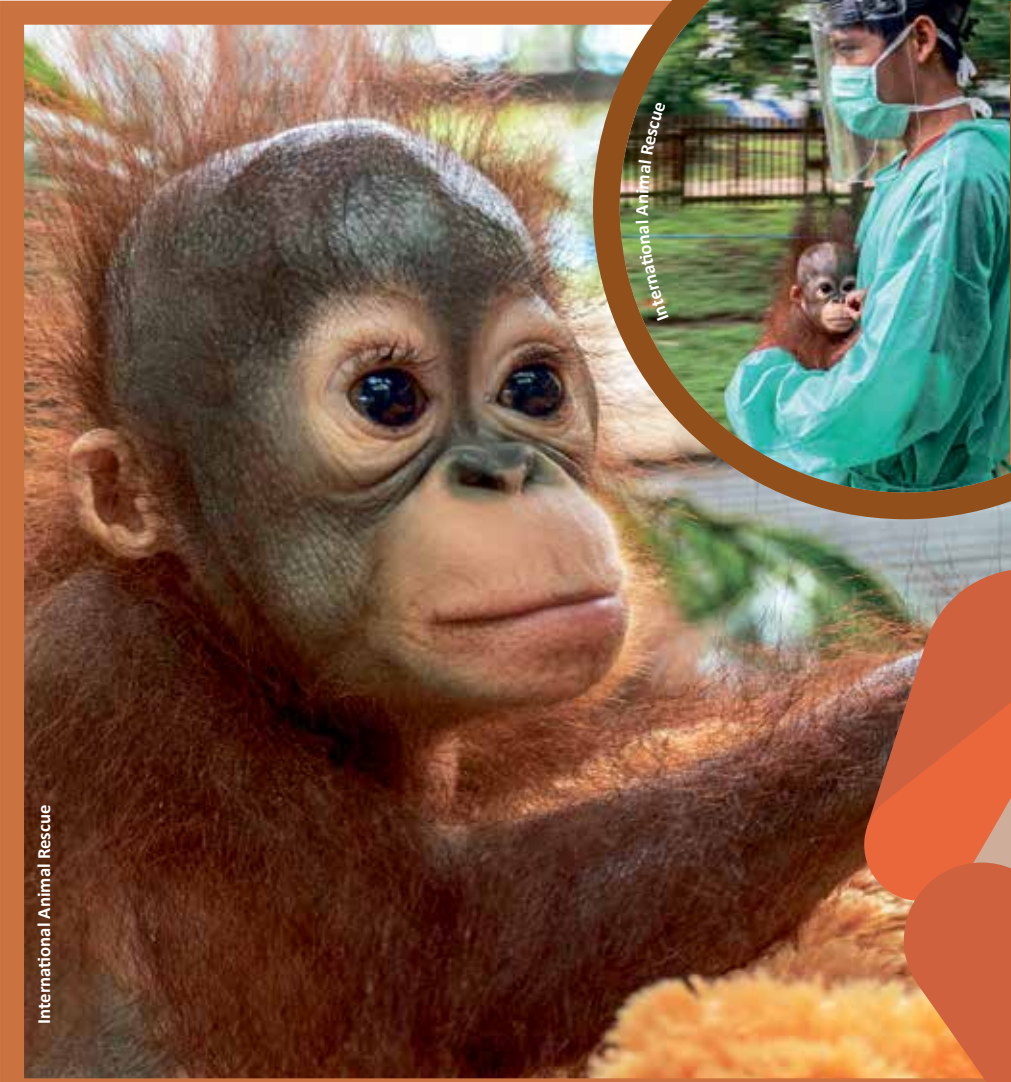
## RUNNERS-UP

- Troup Scoup, Troup House School, Aberdeenshire
- Stretford Chronicle, Stretford High School, Manchester
- Far End News, Alex Press, aged ten, Surrey

**Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up!** And to all of you taking on the challenge of reporting your news for your community. If you would like to start a newspaper project at your school, ask your teacher to download the First News School Newspaper Club pack at [firstnews.co.uk/schoolnewspapers](https://firstnews.co.uk/schoolnewspapers). It contains lots of advice on how to set up a school newspaper and tips to improve all your journalistic skills.







# SAVED!

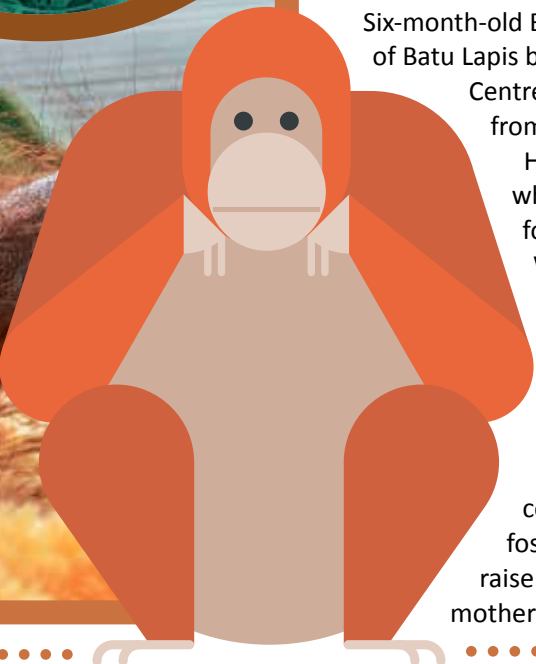
A YOUNG orangutan rescued in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic has been given a clean bill of health and released from quarantine.

Six-month-old Batis was rescued in April from the remote village of Batu Lapis by members of the Natural Resources Conservation Centre (BKSDA) in Ketapang, West Borneo, and a team from International Animal Rescue (IAR) Indonesia.

He was being kept in a small crate and fed things like white rice and papaya by a man who claimed to have found him “abandoned on the edge of the forest”. When he was rescued, Batis had been kept in the crate for three months without being let out.

After being saved, Batis was taken to the orangutan rescue centre in Sungai Awan, Ketapang, and placed in quarantine to make sure he was healthy and not carrying any diseases.

Now Batis is out of quarantine, staff at the conservation centre are planning on finding a foster orangutan female within the centre to help raise him. Young orangutans usually stay with their mother for up to eight years.



# PLUCKY PETREL

A YOUNG southern giant petrel has been spotted in the southern Indian Ocean, more than 7,000km from where it was born.

The bird is part of a colony from Gough Island in the South Atlantic. The island is monitored by scientists, as it is an important habitat for a variety of sea birds. The young petrel was spotted

by a lobster fisherman who noticed the bird was tagged and then reported its location.

Not much is known about the habits of the species, as the birds leave Gough Island at just a few months old before returning to have their own chicks a few years later. Scientists from the Gough Island Restoration Programme are excited to hear that one of the birds travelled so far and survived.



# WOW!

A POLL on cage-free farming across Europe by Compassion in World Farming has found that only 63% of animals in the UK are raised in a cage-free environment. This means that there are still 16,661,696 animals being raised in cages.



# HELP FOR HOGLETS

THREE young hoglets have been saved by the RSPCA in Manchester after their mother abandoned them.

The ten-day-old hedgehogs were found with their mum in a shed that was due to be demolished. Staff attempted to relocate the family but the mother hedgehog became frightened and abandoned her babies. The RSPCA was called to help find a new home for the babies. They have been taken to a wildlife rescue centre where they will be cared for around the clock until they are old enough to be released back into the wild.



**SCHOOL** may be out for summer, but has COVID-19 made foreign holidays out of the question this year?

Things are complicated and confusing right now, for children and adults. And with people slowly starting to emerge from lockdown, we all have concerns and questions.

What's allowed? What's safe? Who can I see now? Where can I go on holiday? Can I go on holiday? That's a question you and your family are probably asking yourselves, so here's everything you need to know.



## ● Have any Brits been allowed to travel during lockdown?

Yes, but hardly any have done so. Foreign travel was never completely shut down during the lockdown, but the Government did advise that Brits only travel abroad if the journey was absolutely essential (e.g. for work), to slow down the spread of the virus in the UK. This meant that fewer and fewer of us were travelling, which led to airlines being forced to cancel a huge number of flights.

Those Brits who have travelled over the last few months have been required by law to self-isolate (not leave their homes) for 14 days upon their return to the UK. But things have just changed, which could mean good news for your summer holidays!



# THE NEW SUMMER HOLIDAYS

What you and your family need to know about travelling abroad this summer.

## ● The big question: has coronavirus cancelled summer?

The short answer is no. Naturally, months of lockdown have left plenty of us wondering whether our annual summer holiday plans are cancelled for good this year. Things were looking pretty bleak, but on Friday 3 July, after weeks of guessing (and a lot of confusion), the Government confirmed a list of more than 50 countries that those living in England can travel to and from without having to spend 14 days in quarantine.

Countries on the list include France, Spain, Greece, Belgium and Turkey.

The Government has spent the last few weeks making special arrangements

with these countries. It's important to bear in mind, however, that these travel agreements can change at any time.



travelling abroad feel fairly normal(ish).

## ● So people living in England can travel to and from other countries again?

Yes, some – but there are rules. From 10 July, anyone living in England will be allowed to travel to any country that has a 'travel corridor exemption'. The travel corridors are the result of travel agreements between the UK and other countries affected by the pandemic. In theory, this should make

## ● I've heard something about a traffic light system.

The Government talked about using this to let Brits know which countries were safe to travel to, decided by the specific coronavirus threat in that country. Green was going to mean it was fine to travel, amber would be allowed, but red would mean you couldn't travel to that country.

Although the traffic light system has been binned, if you travel to (or pass through) any country not on the travel corridor exemption list, e.g. the USA, you'll have to self-isolate in the UK for 14 days on your return. You'll also have to bear in mind any local travel restrictions in each country.

## ● What about those of us living in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

The new English rules don't apply to the rest of the UK. The Government says that travel information for all three countries will be published in the near future.



## ● But coronavirus is still a big problem in the UK, isn't it? Do other countries actually want British tourists right now?

Most countries are being careful to ensure the pandemic doesn't get any worse on their own soil, but a lot of countries – such as Spain and Greece – rely on tourism for their economy.

On 15 June, the EU lifted travel restrictions, leaving it up to individual countries to decide whether they are ready for tourists, and which countries they would accept travellers from.

The Government has been talking to the 50 countries on the list to ensure travel is safe for everyone, but will keep a close eye on the situation.

You'll notice changes at airports to keep coronavirus at bay, but if you are experiencing any kind of coronavirus symptoms, you shouldn't travel.

## ● Will we need to do anything differently while travelling?

Yes. You will need to wear a face mask or a face covering on a plane (and in the terminal) or ferry; just like on any other form of public transport right now.

## ● Me and my family are thinking about going somewhere outside of Europe? Can we?

Yes! There are plenty of countries on the Government's travel corridor exemption list that are outside of Europe, including Hong Kong, Australia, Barbados and Japan.

Bear in mind that some countries are still not welcoming tourists at all, in a bid to keep the virus away. The Government is still advising against all but essential travel to any country not on the list. It's also important to note that, just because a country is on the list, there may be restrictions when you get there. Some, such as New Zealand, aren't accepting any visitors.

## QUICK TRAVEL TIPS

- Check before you travel! Is your holiday destination on the government's list? Check for yourself at [www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors)
- Check your temperature before you travel
- Pack face masks in hand luggage!
- You and your family will have to comply with coronavirus requirements in the country you travel to. Check Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) coronavirus advice for the country you are travelling to
- Keep socially distancing!





# BEAR BUDDIES

**CONSERVATIONIST** Giles Clark spent a year in Laos, Southeast Asia, taking on the illegal wildlife trade and helping to build a brand-new bear sanctuary. During his year, Giles helped with the care of Mary, an orphaned sun bear who needed specialist care around the clock. You can find out what happened in the new BBC2 series *Bear About The House*. Giles told us all about it...

## ● How did this series come about?

I have had a long-standing friendship with Matt Hunt [the head of Free The Bears] for over 15 years and on numerous occasions we have talked about the possibility of me having a role to assist him and the organisation. I have never been in a position to be able to do this until last year. With the expansion of operations in Laos, I took up the role of 'technical advisor' for a 12-month period and discussed with the [BBC's] Natural History Unit filming my time at the sanctuary and the journey that it involved – for both myself and the bears.

## ● You're well known for your work with big cats. Why did you decide to turn your attention to bears in Southeast Asia?

Southeast Asia has always been a special place for me; it has some of the most biodiverse ecosystems in the world, which are heavily under threat. The conservation pressures and challenges that bears face from habitat loss, as well as the demand for the wildlife trade, is similar for most endangered species. I felt that my skills and experience could really make a difference.

## ● What challenges did you face hand-rearing vulnerable sun and moon bear cubs?

Like all small mammals that would be completely reliant on their mother at such a young age, the first challenge is making sure they not only get enough food [milk] but also the right type. This involves hours of preparation, then encouraging and coaxing, cleaning up, etc. You must provide an environment that feels safe and secure, both physically and psychologically. As they gain strength and confidence, the challenge is then providing them with stimulation and opportunities to allow the development and honing [perfecting] of their skills to become a bear. As they grow in the wild, sun and moon bears will eat hundreds of different foods, which presents unique challenges. This means bears have a complex brain and are very intelligent.



David and Jane are two orphaned moon bear cubs living at the Free The Bears sanctuary in Laos

## ● Can you tell us a bit more about the bears that are rescued and then looked after at the sanctuary?

All the bears at the sanctuary are rescued from the illegal wildlife trade, all of which would have been born in the wild, and many of them would have been present when their mothers were killed. The cubs are then traded and kept as exotic pets, nearly always in very



Giles and Mary the sun bear

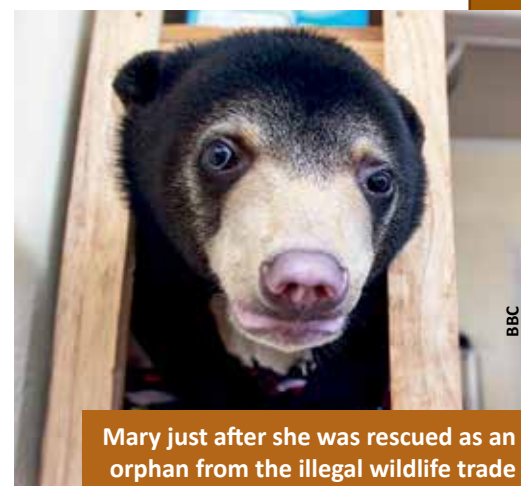
poor conditions. We have rescued numerous bears from these circumstances who are kept in cages that are just a few square metres, without any stimulation or a good diet. Other bears have been rescued from the bear bile trade, where the animals are kept in barbaric conditions and the bile [used in traditional Chinese medicines] from their gall bladder is regularly harvested.

## ● What do you hope viewers will take away from the programme?

I hope that the programme engages the audience to think about the way in which humans interact with the natural world. Mary (and all the other bears and wildlife) is an ambassador, not only for her wild counterparts but for conservation in general. It is more important than ever that we demonstrate an understanding, kindness and compassion for the natural world and its wildlife. Bears are charismatic and endearing, and they are the perfect flagship species for combatting the wildlife trade and encouraging support for conservation.

## ● Do you have any last thoughts on moon and sun bears in the wild and their future?

While I was based and working in Laos, we not only rescued bears but dozens of other animals from the wildlife trade. One of the great privileges I have had is to return some of these back to the wild. I can't wait for the day when this will be possible with at least some of the bears that will be rescued in the future. Bears are vital in their ecosystem and we owe it to them to make sure they have a future in the wild, where they belong.



Mary just after she was rescued as an orphan from the illegal wildlife trade

Catch *Bears About The House* on 15 and 22 July at 8pm on BBC2. The series features some scenes of bears being hunted in the wild, which may be upsetting for younger readers.

## CHARITIES SUPPORTED BY FIRST NEWS







# LET'S PLAY!

THE biggest TV singing contest for kids is back! Will.i.am, Danny Jones, Pixie Lott and new coach Paloma Faith fill us in on the brand-new series of *The Voice Kids*.

## ● How does it feel to be back? And Paloma, how does it feel to join the show?

**Paloma:** It's the best telly job I've ever had. I'm elated. The other coaches are so kind and lovely. I think the vibe is really good.

**Will.i.am:** It feels good. I love the kids' show. They bring fun. They know how to play. When was the last time as an adult you were like: "Yo, let's go out and play"?

**Pixie:** I'm loving it. I love working with the kids, obviously. Every year we get new ones and they're so different each year, so even though it's the same show, for me, it feels like a completely different show every time. There are so many different personalities and the vocals this year are so strong. I'm like: "Wowza!" That's why I love this show – the talent, the voices, and that's what I'm here for.

## ● What about you Danny, as the reigning winner?

**Danny:** As the champ?! Well, it's kinda sunk in now. It's taken a year to sink in! It feels amazing. The only way I can describe it is when you don't win something you want to change something. When you win something you just believe in what you're doing. You just believe in it more. In my head I'm thinking: "Is my taste just something that isn't right for the viewers?" And suddenly I'm like: "Hold on a second..."

## ● How's your team looking this year?

**Will.i.am:** Really good. There are going to be some hard decisions to make. They're all so good.

**Paloma:** My team has got a bit of everything, there's nothing similar in it. We've got really cool youthful energy and there's also quite a lot of raw talent. Some haven't had any singing lessons or really been singers. I've got an old soul who is wise beyond her years in the way she sings.

**Pixie:** I love my team. It's pretty much what I was

looking for. I've got different styles of voices – soulful voices, storytelling voices, I've got different genres. It's a really mixed bag, which is what I like!

**Danny:** It's a real good-quality variety – from opera to big rock to my first duo. I've got a bit of everything, which is exciting and gives me a challenge when I'm putting them into Battles. It gives me a challenge working with something new and different and going out of my comfort zone, so I like that. I always say try and push yourself every time, so to have opera as well as rock, a duo and a soul singer that I've never had before, it's amazing.

## ● Tell us about the coach's performance!

**Will.i.am:** We're doing *Sweet Child O' Mine* and for me, I'm not afraid of challenges, so it's great. I really like it.

**Paloma:** It's quite funny to get four completely different performers to sing together, but I feel like it's a really good song for that. It's not really about us, so I don't feel that nervous. It's funny because when I did the adults' show it felt like there was a lot more competitiveness flying around, whereas this is all about the kids, so we're not bothered whether we sound terrible or not!

**Pixie:** I love that it starts off acoustic before rocking out. I think the thing that's really cool is that we've got the mini mes too! And they've got our same outfits, which is so cute. It's like the reverse of the Haribo advert where we're singing and they're miming.

**Danny:** The performance is quite a special song for me actually because on the first series of *The Voice Kids* this is actually a song I turned for. A kid called Jack. He was really, really good and it kicked off my *The Voice Kids* journey. For me it feels like this is a really good vibe this song.

## ● Who do you think could win?

**Will.i.am:** It's wide open because there's so much



talent. Of course, we all want to say our own contestants, but there are too many to pick one. Yeah, the level is up on last year and there are some really young ones. And they are REALLY good!

**Paloma:** If I could morph myself into the British voting public then of course I would win! I have got an incredible team and I think that, for me, they're the kids that I would buy the records of. They're also the kids that I feel have a real seed inside them, that the investment of the prize would really help. Most of my kids haven't really had any musical training and they're so amazing already so, with that musical training, they'd really flourish.

**Pixie:** I don't know. Who knows?! I always say to my kids: "Go for it!" and whatever happens I'm proud of all of them!

**Danny:** I have to admit, and I say this every year, that every kid is amazing. That's what makes this show so different. I couldn't call it. Obviously, I'd love one of my team to win. I feel like it would be really good for any one of them. There are kids that can really start something here and have that belief, and that's the difference.



# PICS OF THE WEEK

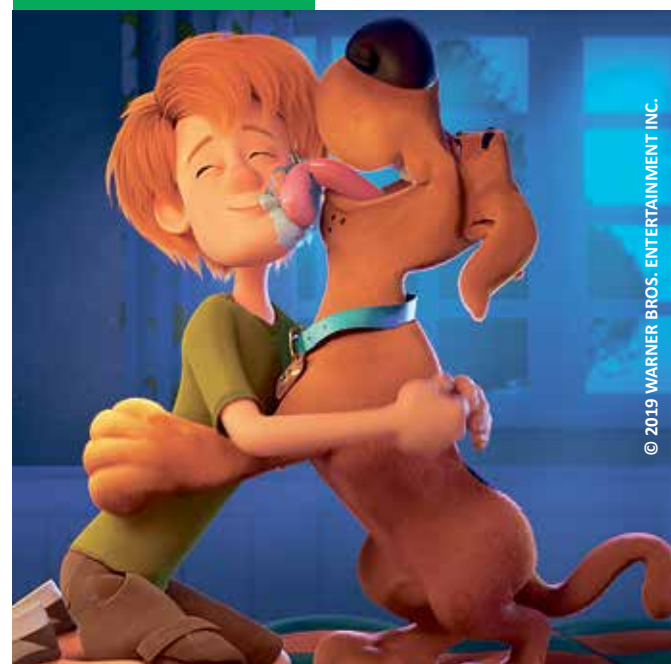
## A NEW vet has joined CBBC's The Pets Factor.

Fabian is an exotic pets specialist and will join the usual team of Cheryl, James, Rory and Cat. Based in the West Midlands, Fabian uses his expertise to treat lots of unusual pets, including bearded dragons, hedgehogs and snakes!

The Pets Factor airs Mondays at 4.40pm on CBBC.



## IT'S SCOOBY DOO!



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SCOOB! is the first fully animated, theatrical Scooby-Doo movie.

In this origin story you get to see how young Scooby and Shaggy meet the aspiring detectives and founding members of Mystery Inc – Fred, Daphne and Velma – at a haunted house on Halloween.

Shaggy's real name, which hardly anyone ever calls him, is Norville.

In their big-screen adventure, Scooby-Doo, Shaggy and the Mystery Inc gang travel a long way from California to prevent a global catastrophe, with stops in Romania, Greece and a mysterious island hidden in the Arctic.

When he stands on his hind legs, Scooby-Doo, a Great Dane, is 195.5cm tall to the top of his head, or 200.5cm if his ears are pointed straight up.

The film also features favourite Hanna-Barbera characters Dick Dastardly, Muttley, Blue Falcon (well, sort of...), Dee Dee, Dynomutt and Captain Caveman.

THIS week, see Scooby Doo as you've never seen him before in the brand-new adventure, *Scob!* The film was due to be released in cinemas but due to the coronavirus it is being released today (10 July) to rent digitally. Check out these cool facts about the film!

## THIS WEEK

**1** Cinema chain Cineworld has announced that it will delay opening its cinemas until the end of July because there are not enough new movies being released. Many new films have been delayed because of the coronavirus lockdown. The chain was due to reopen its cinemas today (10 July). Some other cinema chains around the UK have started opening their doors, with lots of new safety measures in place.

**2** A special show about racism has been created by Nickelodeon. The show will be hosted by singer Alicia Keys, who talks to children across America about race issues. She says: "What's happening in the world is not just a problem for the black community, it's all of our problem and we ALL have to care about it in order to change it! This is such an important, vulnerable, honest and beautiful conversation, and I know many families may be searching for the right way to enter it. Let's really deep dive together." You can find Kids, Race and Unity: A Nick News Special on the Nickelodeon YouTube channel.



Mystery Inc face their arch enemy Dick Dastardly in the film. Dick Dastardly is voiced by actor Jason Isaacs, who played Lucius Malfoy in the Harry Potter films.

The most complex shot in this film is the one where Daphne, Fred and Velma investigate Scooby and Shaggy's disappearance in a bowling alley. It took around 20 hours for computers to render each frame (create the finished 3D image), due to Daphne's hair and the number of lights.

Simon Cowell appears in the film as himself (below). His son Eric also provides a voice for a young character called Ben. Simon shared the news on Twitter earlier in the year, saying: "I watched Scooby Doo as a kid and now I'm thrilled to be watching it again with my son Eric. So when we got asked to be in the new Scooby Doo movie, it was the quickest yes I've ever said."





# IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY... YOU MIGHT SEE A PINE MARTEN!

ONCE threatened with extinction in England and Wales, the pine marten is on the up, up and up! Vincent Wildlife Trust has been working to help bring this native mammal back to both countries and boost the numbers of these amazing animals.

## WHAT IS A PINE MARTEN?

It is not related to the house martin (which is a bird and is spelled differently!) and neither does it only live in pine woods! The pine marten is a mammal that likes climbing trees, and often makes its den high up in tree holes or old squirrel dreys. It eats anything – from mice and voles to fruit. It is a cousin of the badger, otter and polecat, to name a few of the animals in a family known as mustelids. It is much smaller than a badger – more the size of a family cat.

## HERE'S THE BAD NEWS...

Pine martens once lived happily across much of Britain, but then people spoilt it all. The martens were hunted for their rich brown fur, to make coats. Imagine how many pine martens were needed to make one fur coat! They were also killed by Victorian gamekeepers, who wanted to protect their valuable game birds from a hungry marten. Loss of woodland habitat, their home, was another nail in the pine marten's coffin. Very sadly, during the last century, pine martens had pretty much vanished from the woodlands of England and Wales.

## ...AND THE GOOD NEWS

The pine marten is back! This is thanks to a law that protects this and many other rare species, and to an organisation called Vincent Wildlife Trust (VWT). After years of scientific research, VWT decided the time was right to return the pine marten to England and Wales (luckily the pine marten is doing very well in Scotland, so no help needed there). But how did we do it?



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17. SPECIAL REPORT

TRANSLOCATION

Over three years, conservationists at VWT transported just over 50 pine martens from Scotland, where there is a strong marten population, to Wales, where they were heading for extinction, in a conservation method called translocation. Today, these animals have settled around the release area in mid-Wales, and young, known as kits, have been born every year since the first arrivals in 2015.

Staff at VWT and local volunteers keep a close eye on the pine martens using trail cameras, and guess what? We have received trail camera evidence of a pine marten kit that has been born this spring. This is fantastic news. It's another sign that this new pine marten population is breeding successfully. There may be many more kits in the forests of Wales, but they and their mums keep well-hidden and are mostly active at night.



WHAT ABOUT ENGLAND?

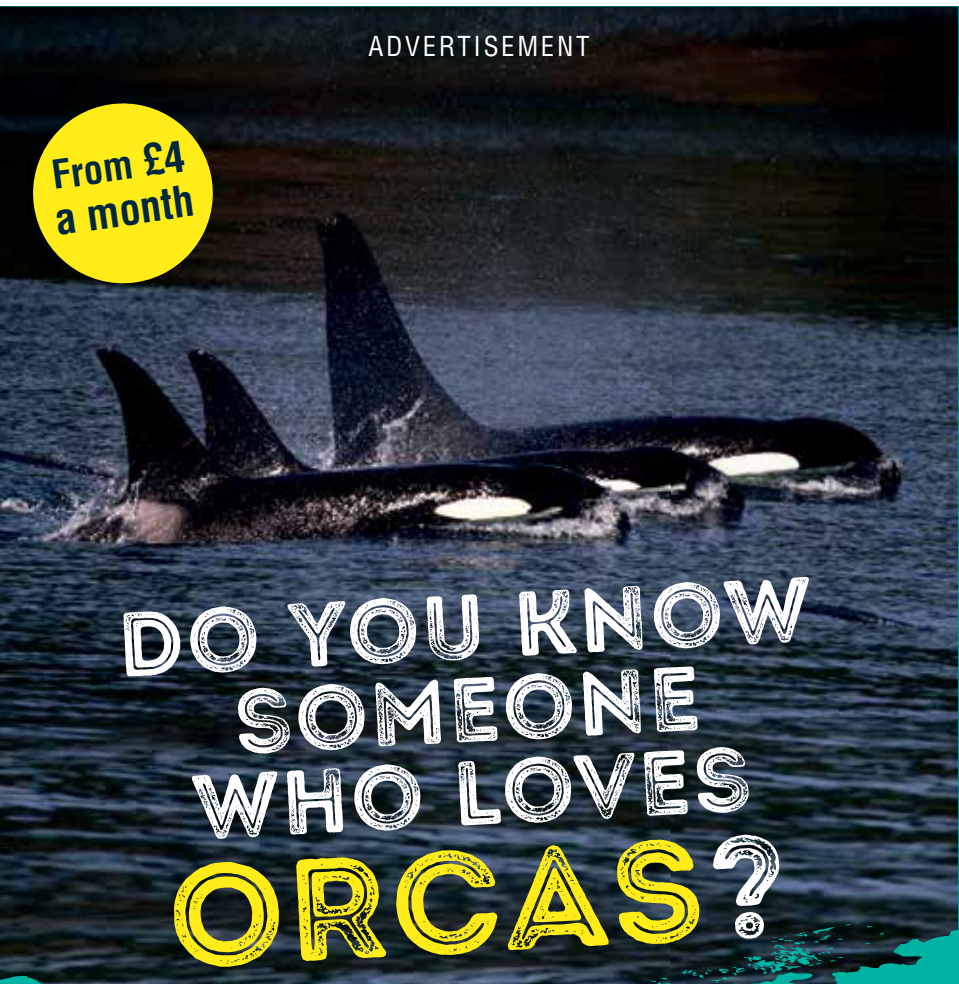
Following the success of the project in Wales, there is a new translocation project to return the pine marten to the ancient Forest of Dean in Gloucestershire. The first few pine martens were brought to the forest last autumn and are being watched over by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust. We are now waiting anxiously to see if any young have been born this year – our fingers are crossed!



If you see a pine marten in Wales, please let VWT know at [www.vwt.org.uk](http://www.vwt.org.uk). You can also find out more about the pine marten on VWT's website.

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**BEND**

Bend was a surprise from the time she was born. No one had ever seen an orca quite like her. On the front edge of her dorsal fin was a deep cut and it grew lopsided taking on a comical look of the sorting hat from Harry Potter!

OR

**FIFE**

Fife is the younger brother of Corky. Tragically, he has never met his sister as she has been held in captivity by SeaWorld. He is quite a character, extremely handsome and easy to recognise by his tall dorsal fin.

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# WIN! CONSERVATION CRISIS

CAN you complete our sudoku puzzle and fill in the numbers one to nine?

Send in your answers and one lucky winner will win a copy of *Conservation Crisis* – can you save an endangered species? Families can now play to really help save endangered species with *Conservation Crisis*, the board game that raises money for four animal conservation charities with every sale. Testing players’ conservation skills as well as their moral compass, the game sees people tackle the real-life challenges of saving wildlife while balancing local communities’ needs, and facing potential corruption.

*Conservation Crisis* is available from Amazon and [www.tunzagames.com/shop](http://www.tunzagames.com/shop).



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# WORD LADDER



SEE if you can get from the top of the ladder to the bottom by changing one letter at a time to make a new word.



TOOK

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# CROSSWORD

JUST for fun this week! Can you complete our crossword puzzle by using the clues below?

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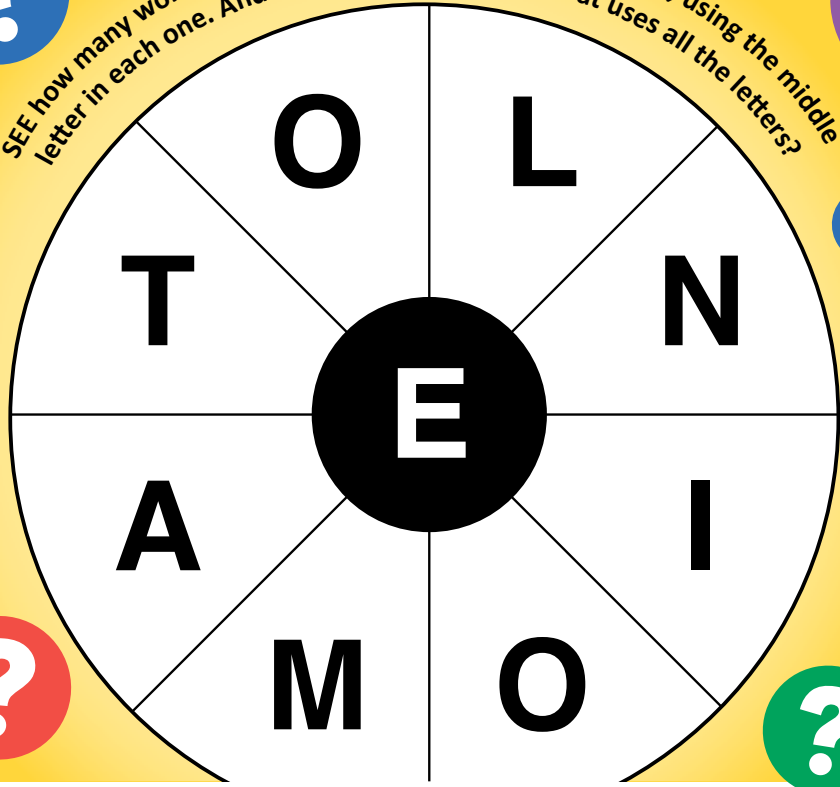
- 1 Someone who amuses others (11)
- 6 Movie (4)
- 8 Nous (anagram) (4)
- 9 Seize (7)
- 10 Sweet on a stick (5)
- 11 Cart pulled by horses (5)
- 13 A country in Europe (7)
- 15 Material trees are made of (4)
- 16 Crustacean with pincers (4)
- 17 Boot with wheels on (6,5)

DOWN

- 1 Famous landmark in Paris (6,5)
- 2 Soft bathroom mineral powder (4)
- 3 Sincerity; honesty (5)
- 4 Eight plus one (4)
- 5 Trustworthy (11)
- 7 Common duck (7)
- 8 Grown without chemicals (of food) (7)
- 12 Intense beam of light (5)
- 13 Wind around in the shape of a lot of circles (4)
- 14 A space or region (4)

# WORD WHEEL

SEE how many words of three or more letters you can make, using the middle letter in each one. And can you find the word that uses all the letters?





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

JUST for fun this week. Can you spot the five changes we've made to this picture from *Jungle Beat: The Movie*?



## WORDSEARCH

CAN you find the words in our toy-themed wordsearch?  
Remember that the words can be horizontal, vertical or diagonal.

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## WHAT ON EARTH?

ALL of these associated with crafting. Can you guess what they are?



### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

**Spot the difference:** Tie has been removed, hair is red, head is bigger, belt is yellow, window panel has been coloured in.  
**Word ladder:** long, song, sang, sank, tank, task.  
**Word wheel:** decorated.

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# Some of you may be going **back to school** and things will seem a bit different

We have looked at how schools can open in a safe way.



reducing the  
size of classes



keeping children  
in small “bubble”  
groups without  
mixing with others



having staggered  
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as well as drop-offs  
and pick-ups



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the use of  
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# THE BIG PICTURE

SHE may only be two years old, but Adeline is already the tallest person in the world and is expected to be over ten metres tall in a few months. Her parents are trying to buy a local farm, so that they can convert the huge barn into a bedroom for Adeline. Buying her presents is tricky, as it took a team of ten people three weeks to make the teddy bear she's holding in this picture!

Sadly, although that would be a fantastic story, we hope you all spotted that we're just being daft and showing how easy it is to spread fake news.

No, Adeline is actually a pretty standard height for her age, but she was standing in the model village in Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, which has just reopened after lockdown.

Want to know more about how to spot what's real and what's not? Teachers can get hold of our special Fake News edition at [schools.firstnews.co.uk/fake-news-copy-download](https://schools.firstnews.co.uk/fake-news-copy-download)



# MEET MOO THE MISMATCHED DOG

**HOW** cute is this two-tone dachshund puppy, whose black and white body makes him look like half dog/half cow?!

Seven-month-old Moo has a brown and black face but black and white spots on his body, similar to a Dalmatian's coat. He's what's known as piebald, which is when an animal has unpigmented (no colour) spots on a pigmented (coloured) background.

His owner Victoria from Miami reveals that Moo's unique look often prompts passers-by to assume he's wearing a coat or even doggy pyjamas. She says that he loves taking naps on his back and that his fave treats are watermelon or almonds.

He already has a huge following on social media thanks to his unusual appearance, and we think you'd be barking mad not to love this pretty pup!



Moo looks like he's half dachshund, half Dalmatian. Aww!

moo\_in\_miami/Spilltpics UK



@heinz\_uk/Instagram

## SAUCE-FLAVOURED ICE CREAM, ANYONE?

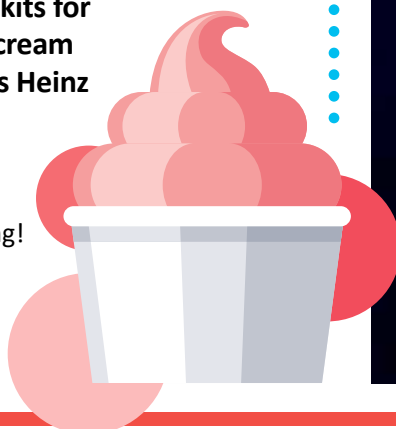
TO celebrate July being National Ice Cream Month (yes, it's a thing!), Heinz has launched its own DIY kits for making ice cream with famous Heinz

products like tomato ketchup and mayonnaise.

The saucy ice cream sets come in six flavours, including smoky BBQ, best topped with a sprinkling of bacon bits; and salad cream, best topped with strawberries. Interesting!

Each kit includes the sauce of your choice, a recipe, an engraved golden scoop and spoon and a Heinz Creamz tub to serve up your unusual summer treat.

What do you think – tasty or terrible?



## DO YOU WANT TO SMELL LIKE SPACE?

THE smell of space is being released as a perfume!

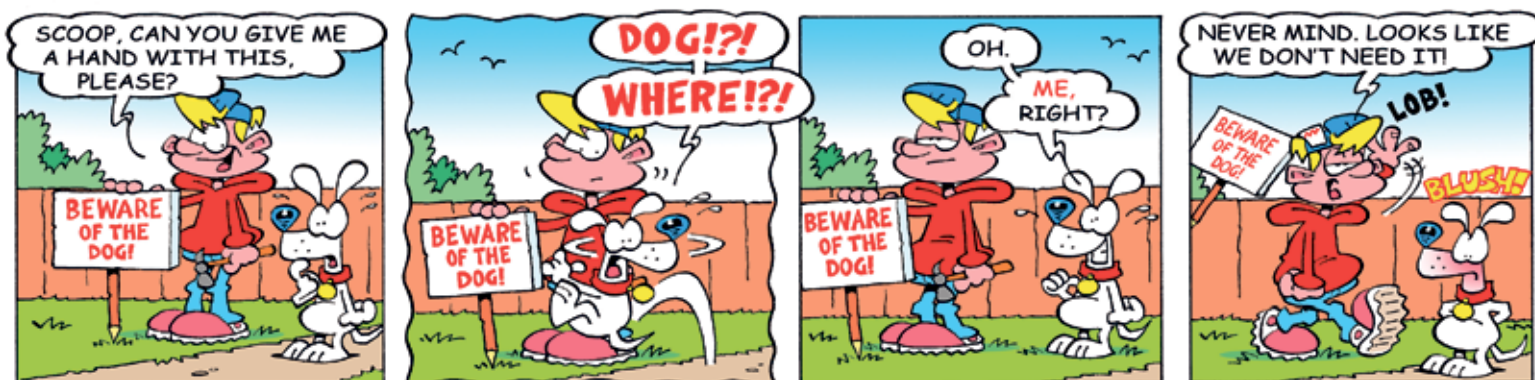
Space agency NASA developed the out-of-this-world fragrance over ten years ago, to help astronauts know what to expect in outer space. They put together the unearthly concoction using the descriptions of astronauts, who compared the smell to a mix of fireworks, steak and raspberries. But now a company has got hold of NASA's recipe and has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise enough money to release the perfume, called *Eau de Space*, for general sale.



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Written and illustrated by Paul Palmer







**NINTENDO** has released big updates for two of its biggest games, *Animal Crossing: New Horizons* and *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate*.

You may remember that Nintendo's mad fighting game *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* received a series of updates throughout last year, adding new stages and fighters. Last week, the first in a new round of fighters arrived, in the shape of noodle-armed Min Min from the Switch fighting game *ARMS*!

Min Min is pretty springy, and has a different control set-up to every other character in the game. We're having a lot of fun getting to grips with her, but we can't wait to see what other characters Nintendo is planning on adding.

Just like here in the UK, summer has arrived in *Animal Crossing: New Horizons* – and with it, a new update that allows your villager to go for a dive in the calm seas around your island.

While swimming, you'll be able to pull out shellfish, which can then be donated to your island's museum. Collect a special type of shellfish, and you might attract the attention of Pascal, a chilled-out otter who will trade you some cool sea-themed furniture for your shells!

Which are you more excited for?



## STORY OF SEASONS: FRIENDS OF MINERAL TOWN

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EVER wondered what it would be like to run your own farm? If you have, then *Story of Seasons: Friends of Mineral Town* (PEGI 12) might be the game for you! Our farm-loving First News game reviewer Alex told us what she thought about life in Mineral Town.

"I was really excited to write this review, as I have had lots of fun looking after my farm!

In the beginning I thought the game was a bit boring, since you have to do a lot of weeding and picking up rubbish before you start growing crops.

After a bit of work, things began to come together, and soon enough I was growing loads of vegetables! I've even got a cow now (who is SO cute)!

I like this game because it rewards hard work, and you can also get to know the local townspeople, and even get married to someone!

Featuring loads of things to do and fun to have, I definitely think I'll be playing this for a while."

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a) Uranus b) Neptune c) Jupiter

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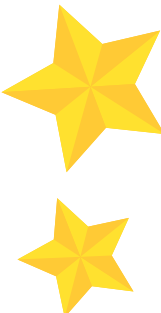
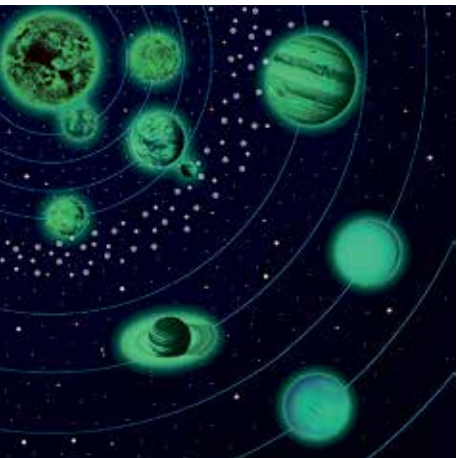
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## SO FAR IN THE STORY...

Young spellcaster Ferocity and her smoke-producing pet boggart, Guggalugs, were taken from their home by child-snatching Tappers. After escaping, the pair met Trick, a mysterious boy, and travelled to Trick's home, Perum Hollow, to speak with his grandfather. On the journey, Ferocity found a strange copper piece, which Trick's grandad revealed to be one of four key-pieces that helped seal evil away. Trick and his grandfather each had another, leaving one to find. They set off to find it. On the way, they ran into Trick's mum, Ariella. Soon after, Trick's grandfather used his granddaughter Aida's magic to send a dark creature to a cave where Ferocity was sheltering. Unable to let her brother get hurt, Aida magicked herself to the cave, where she fought off the beast – and warned Trick of their grandfather's plans.

## PART 15: BY SAHRA ALI

*Trick grimaced. 'I had my suspicions about him, but I didn't have enough proof.'*

*'You knew?' huffed Aida. 'But why didn't you...?'*

*Trick held out his hand to silence her and shook his head, still in thought. Next to him, Ariella was horrified. 'I just don't believe it... my own father... ridiculous.'*

*'You would believe it if you were there,' Aida shook her head in agreement. 'It doesn't make sense; Grandfather's good, he was one of the mages who battled in the Great War.'*

*Ferocity gasped. She, like any spellcaster, had heard of the Great War against the Tappers and the creatures of the night. It had happened about 45 years ago, but still was one of the most renowned battles. Ferocity's own grandfather was one of the head mages who fought in it.*

*'Still, there was something funny about him,' continued Aida. 'He sometimes became pale green in the face when he was angry, but I expect it's a side-effect from the war.'*

*'Wait a second,' cried Guggalugs, who had woken up. The others jumped as they heard his voice, as they had quite forgotten he was there. He was quite grave, as there was a dark grey smoke emerging from his ear. 'Wait a second,' he repeated. 'What did you say, Aida?'*

*'That he became green when he was angry?' she recapped.*

*Guggalugs looked quite gloomy. 'I'm afraid that isn't your grandfather,' he moaned. 'It's a shapeshifter!'*

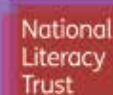


## WORDS FOR LIFE



**NIKI Daly has won numerous awards for his writing and illustrations since his first publication in 1978, *The Little Girl Who Lived Down The Road*. He is currently working on the fourth title in his Lolo series, *Fly High Lolo*. Niki told us what the best thing about reading is:**

“Getting lost in a good story, of course. But I also love the feel of a book, its smell, the paper. And it must have pictures!”



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# GIVING THE GIFT OF READING

The Children's Book Project is a brilliant scheme that was set up to get used books into the hands of kids who might not have easy access to them.

During lockdown, the team at the Children's Book Project haven't stopped their fantastic work, and have been helping teachers to send out personalised bundles of books, stationery and resources to their pupils, like those at Marner Primary School (pictured).

They've received loads of messages of thanks from both pupils and teachers, like this one from Katriona Rae, assistant head teacher at Sandringham Primary School, who said: "Staff, children and families are extremely appreciative of the support that the Children's Book Project have provided over the lockdown period – it will make a huge difference."

If you want to find out more about the Children's Book Project, head to [www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](https://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk).



The pupils of Marner Primary School celebrate their newly delivered book bundles

## PART 16: BY YOU!

**IF you took the time to send us your story, thank you!**

We enjoyed reading them all, and love how talented you all are! If your story wasn't chosen this time, don't let that stop you having another crack at it. We could choose you to continue the story in next week's issue!

You can submit the next part of the story by email at [newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@firstnews.co.uk), popping **Story** into the subject line, or at [first.news/cressidacowell](https://first.news/cressidacowell).

We'll be deciding on the next part of the story every Monday, so make sure you send us your story by then!





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# 30 DAYS WILD CHALLENGE

by Ellis and Joel Bessey

**THIS June we have been busy completing 30 Days Wild with The Wildlife Trusts.**

This involved choosing a random act of wildness to do every day of the month. We are just over halfway and for today's act of wildness we decided to write this report to tell other people all about it.

Our 30 Days Wild so far have included feeding the birds and recording which birds visit our feeders, going pond dipping, taking a barefoot walk, baking inspired by nature, watching a wild web cam and exercising in nature. We keep a record of what we do each day and took part in the Big Wildlife Watch that happened on 20-21 June.

We have loved finding out more about our local wildlife and investigating and exploring our local area, as well as helping to protect our wildlife.



Baking inspired by nature



Pond dipping

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**WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU/YOUR SCHOOL IS UP TO**

Write in to let us know what you've been up to on lockdown! Have you been getting creative? How have you been keeping fit? If you're back to school, how has that made you feel? Why not share your experiences with First News readers?

Email your report (including pictures) to [yournews@firstnews.co.uk](mailto:yournews@firstnews.co.uk)

Don't forget to include your name and age (and your school's name and address for school news reports). By writing in, you give consent to First News printing details and photographs of those involved in the report.

## SAVING THE ZOO

by Poppy Roberts

**I WANTED to tell you my amazing story. My friends and I have literally saved our local zoo that was threatened with closure due to COVID-19.**

In just five days, we have set up an appeal and collected and delivered enough food and bedding to feed the 1,000 animals at our local zoo for two weeks.

We have also raised £2,124, which has also been donated to the zoo.

We have just launched a new collection and have already got another four van-loads of food ready for delivery.

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Poppy and her team



Food for the animals

## YOUR SAY

by Evangeline Little

**I AM a girl who does not talk. I am 13 and I like horse riding and reading, going outside and listening to music, and I like to read First News.**

I want to tell you how I feel when people think I am stupid because I cannot talk. I feel sad.

Black Lives Matter is about people who are black who are treated badly and they feel like they are not thought about. I think I am not thought about sometimes.

I feel I am not thought about, when I see new people and they think I should be stupid.

I feel like people don't think about me when they do nothing. They do nothing when they do not talk to me.

I think new people could learn that people like me are clever. I am going to help people like me by being a very good advocate for the people who cannot talk.

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Evangeline

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# SPORT IN NUMBERS

40

yards (36m) is the distance Southampton's Che Adams scored the winning goal from against Man

City. The goal resulted in City losing a third away game in a row and also ended a disappointing run for the scorer. Adams, who joined the team a year ago, finally hit the back of the net after 30 games without a goal.



144

is the number of riders who took part in the virtual Tour de France that began on 4 July. Stage 1 was

a 9.1km course based on the route in Nice where the actual Tour de France will begin on 29 August. British cyclist April Tacey won the first stage of the ladies' race and South Africa's Ryan Gibbons won in the men's. Four stages remain to be contested.



59

years is how long Britain's oldest and most successful ladies basketball team, the Sheffield

Hatters, have been playing. Faced with being unable to play next season due to lack of funds, the team are desperately hoping that someone will step in to save their future and help them carry on for many more years.



## NORRIS NAILS IT



Charles Leclerc, Valtteri Bottas and Lando Norris show their support for the fight against racism

**DRAMA** dominated the first Grand Prix of the season in Austria, with mechanical failures, clashes, penalties and a surprise last-minute podium place for British driver Lando Norris, as Valtteri Bottas took first place for Mercedes.

The four-month-long wait for the start of the Grand Prix season is over and fans will have been delighted by the action last Sunday. Although Bottas led from the front, the tightly-fought race resulted in a number of battles behind him, while two safety cars and retirements resulted in constant changes in position throughout the race.

The over-long break seems to have had an impact on the cars as well as the drivers. There were nine early retirements, starting with Max Verstappen for Red Bull, who was in third place. Surprisingly, his car suddenly appeared to lose power early in the race and his team were unable to get him going again.

Sebastian Vettel in the Ferrari ended up spinning his car in a poor attempt to overtake. World champion Lewis Hamilton also had a disappointing day. Placed second,

he found out before the start that he had been given a penalty for ignoring safety flags the day before and dropped to fifth place on the grid.

After fighting back to second place behind his teammate, he clashed with Red Bull's Alex Albon, who tried to overtake towards the end of the race. Hamilton clipped the rear of Albon's car, causing him to spin off the track. The incident was investigated and Hamilton was given a five-second penalty.

Although he crossed the line second, Hamilton lost out on a podium place as Leclerc – only two seconds behind – took second place, while Norris in the McLaren recorded the fastest lap of the race to take third. At 20 years old he is the youngest British driver to make the podium.

The next race is also in Austria on Sunday 12 July.

## CLASSIC SPORTS PIC OF THE WEEK



With the cancellation of Wimbledon this year, all is quiet on Centre Court on what would have been finals week. Here's a taste of what fans are missing – Simona Halep showing the athleticism she needed to defeat seven-time champion Serena Williams in last year's ladies' singles final

